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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (currently amended) A portable ice rink comprising sheet means, a plurality of frame members adapted to be connected in an end-to-end relationship such as to form a closed frame for said rink, said sheet means being adapted to be laid across said frame and to be connected thereto by way of secondary connectors, ~~said secondary connectors being provided substantially continuously along said frame,~~ whereby water deposited onto said sheet means inwardly of said frame and then having frozen thereon forms an ice sheet, wherein said secondary connectors and said ice sheet completely cover said sheet means at upper and side portions of said frame, wherein said frame members comprise rigid elongated tubular members and wherein said second connectors comprise elongated flexible covering members spreadable for positioning over said sheet means and said tubular members with said sheet means being imprisoned between said tubular members and said covering members, wherein peripheral protective bands are provided for positioning between said secondary connectors and said sheet means for at least one of protecting said sheet means from said secondary connectors and allowing said sheet means to be slidably displaced relative to said frame even when connected thereto by said secondary connectors.

Claim 2. (previously cancelled)

Claim 3. (previously amended) A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 1, wherein said tubular members and said covering members are each made of plastics material.

Claim 4. (cancelled)

Claim 5. (currently amended) A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 4, 1, wherein said sheet means is dimensioned such to define, when installed to said frame, a peripheral take-up strip outwardly of said frame hereby providing material for allowing said sheet means

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to be displaced inwardly relative to said frame while retaining said sheet means assembled to said frame by way of said secondary connectors.

Claim 6. (previously amended) A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 1, wherein primary connectors are provided for connecting the frame members together, said primary connectors comprise resilient connecting rods insertable at ends thereof in facing open ends of adjacent tubular members for interconnecting said tubular members while allowing for relative displacement therebetween upon a need for said frame to expand.

Claim 7. (previously amended) A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 6, wherein said connecting rods are adapted to be bent for forming corners of said frame.

Claim 8. (previously cancelled)

Claim 9. (previously cancelled)

Claim 10. (previously cancelled)

Claim 11. (previously cancelled)

Claim 12. (previously presented) A portable ice rink comprising sheet means, a plurality of frame members adapted to be connected in an end-to-end relationship such as to form a closed frame for said rink, said sheet means being adapted to be laid across said frame and to be connected thereto by way of secondary connectors, said secondary connectors being provided substantially continuously along said frame, whereby water deposited onto said sheet means inwardly of said frame and then having frozen thereon forms an ice sheet, wherein said secondary connectors and said ice sheet completely cover said sheet means at upper and side portions of said frame, wherein peripheral protective bands are provided for positioning between said secondary connectors and said sheet means for at least one of protecting said sheet means from said secondary connectors and allowing said sheet means to be slidably displaced relative to said frame even when connected thereto by said secondary connectors.